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Mike,

Just wanted to briefly update you on BASF's follow-up to the caustic spill we had at the BASF-Hannibal plant on 9/23/09 (NRC Report # 918681 and follow-up report #918755).

This week, we had AECOM do some soil and groundwater sampling in the vicinity around the spill location. One groundwater sample, taken approximately four-to-eight feet below the ground surface, had a pH of 12.2. This sample was taken from a Geoprobe location approximately 10 - 15 feet from the spill location. All other surface and groundwater samples taken in the area around the spill location showed near-neutral pH's.

These results are very preliminary, and I am waiting for further information and details from AECOM. When I have the information I need to respond to your letter of 10/2/09 in which you requested BASF submit a comprehensive report on the matter, I will do so. In the meantime, if you have additional questions, please call me.

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